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SUBJECT: EGYPTIANS STRESS KISSINGER'S VISIT OFFERS CHANCE OF PEACE

1. FRONT PAGES OF EGYPTIAN DAILIES FEB 27 REFLECT DETERMINED OPTIMISM THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT WILL RESULT IN SECOND SINAI DISENGAGEMENT.

2. MOST STRIKING ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) SADAT'S INTERVIEW WITH SWEDISH TELEVISION. INTERVIEW (SUMMARIZED SEPTTEL) DID NOT MINIMIZE DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING SECRETARY KISSINGER, BUT ALSO STRESSED "TIME IS NOW SUITABLE TO REACH JUST AND LASTING PEACE" FOR FIRST TIME IN 26 YEARS.

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B) AKHBAR REPORTS FROM NEW YORK. AKHBAR'S EDITOR MUSA SABRI WRITES FROM NEW YORK THAT "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON" SAY SPECULATION EXISTS THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL CAN BE OVERCOME THROUGH ONE OF TWO POSSIBLE SCENARIOS: (I) GOE WILL PLEDGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT EGYPT WILL NOT ATTACK ISRAEL ON BASIS OF AN UNDERSTANDING THAT ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW ON THREE FRONTS; AND (II) USG WILL PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH PLEDGE TO SUPPLY GOI WITH FULL MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IN EVENT OF EGYPTIAN ATTACK AFTER SECOND STAGE DISENGAGEMENT AND THROUGHOUT PERIOD FOR WHICH NEW TEMPORARY AGREEMENT WILL BE VALID. SUCH ASSURANCES, UNLIKE "GUARANTEES", DO NOT REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. SECOND SABRI ARTICLE WHICH REPORTS HIS INTERVIEW WITH WALDHEIM IS FEATURED UNDER HEADLINE "WE WELCOME ANY PARTIAL SETTLEMENT." IN FACT, WALDHEIM'S RESPONSES WERE CAREFULLY COUCHED EXPRESSION OF VEILED OPTIMISM THAT KISSINGER'S MISSION MIGHT LEAD TO PEACE BEFORE SPRING.

C) EDITORIALS. AHRAH'S CHIEF EDITORIAL SAYS "CHANCES FOR ME SETTLEMENT ARE MORE LIKELY THAN EVER BEFORE". AKHBAR'S COMMENTARY CITES INFORMED SOURCES AS PREDICTING KISSINGER'S MISSION WILL RESULT IN NEW "MILITARY" DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN SINAI TO BE SIGNED IN GENEVA UNDER AEGIS OF MILITARY COMMITTEE. EILTS

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